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Situation Reports

REFERENCES:

- a. Memorandum to IAC Members from DCI, subject as above, dated 5 January 1950
- b. Memorandum from Navy to DCI, subject as above, dated 16 January 1950
- c. Letter from State to DCI regarding the Situation Report program, dated 10 February 1950
- d. Memorandum from Army to DCI, subject as above, dated 10 February 1950
- e. Memorandum to DCI from Chief, COMPS, subject as above, dated 15 February 1950

1. In consideration of reference d, the Office of Reports and Estimates has re-examined the question of Situation Reports and finds that, with the exception of Israel and French North Africa, the coverage to be obtained by the Situation Report series upon completion includes, in the Far East, Thailand and Indo-China, and six Soviet Satellite countries. This Office believes that these Situation Reports should be completed in order to fill a substantial gap in the finished intelligence coverage on these areas.

2. Upon completion of the drafts, this Office proposes that they be submitted under normal procedures to the IAC agencies for their information and such action as they deem appropriate. In the event that any agency desires to disassociate itself from the Situation Report program, the Situation Reports can be published with appropriate indications to that effect.

3. It is further believed that it is inappropriate for the Intelligence Advisory Committee to determine the media by which the Central Intelligence Agency exercises its responsibilities for the production of national intelligence.

4. It is therefore recommended that you decline to accept the advice of the Department of the Army with respect to termination of the Situation Report program.

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